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MEMORANDUM FOR: NIO/Narcotics  
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FROM: ☐ Legislation Division  
Office of Congressional Affairs

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SUBJECT: S. 789 - "National Narcotics Leadership Act of 1987":  
New Biden "Drug-Czar" Bill

1. Attached for your information is a copy of S. 789, the "National Narcotics Leadership Act of 1987," as well as a copy of the introductory statement of its sponsor, Senator Biden (March 19, 1987 Congressional Record - pp S3527-3531).

2. S. 789 is virtually identical to S. 15, the Biden "drug czar" bill introduced earlier this year (see my memorandum of January 21, 1987), save for the addition of a new Section 8 "Establishment of Special Forfeiture Fund". Important to note in this regard is the carryover from S. 15 to S. 789 of Section 4 (f), the section which protects the Agency's equities in the area of budgetary preparation and protection of sources and methods.

3. The major difference between S. 15 and S. 789 is the committees to which they were referred. S. 15 was referred to the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. S. 789, however, has been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee which Senator Biden chairs. This referral indicates an even greater interest by Senator Biden in the bill and obviously gives him a greater degree of control over its fortunes. In this regard, you will note the statement in his introductory remarks that the Committee plans to consider the bill soon.

4. We will keep you advised of further developments.

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